

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Frey, et al. Application No.: 10/720,656 Filed: 11/24/2003 For: DISTRACTION AND RETRACTION SYSTEM FOR SPINAL SURGERY Customer No.: 88513	Confirmation No. 4638 Examiner: Schillinger, Ann M Technology Center/Art Unit: 3774 <u>AMENDMENT</u>
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 2/17/2009, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.